GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2571
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IMPLEMENTATION OF CAS BY CABLE OPERATORS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cable operators of four Metro cities have expressed their inability to implement the Conditional Access System (CAS);

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the Government has accepted the suggestions given by the cable operators in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a): No, Sir. Conditional Access System (CAS) in notified areas of metro cities of Delhi, Mumbai & Kolkata has been implemented since 31.12.2006 and in Chennai since 2003.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) to (f): CAS has been implemented after considering the suggestions of all the stakeholders. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has also issued interconnection regulations, quality of service regulations and tariff orders after due consultation with all stakeholders including cable operators. Government has, accordingly, amended the Cable Television Networks Rules 1994 on 31.7.2006 and specified time bound activities to be carried out by Government, TRAI, Broadcasters, Multi-system operators & cable operators, which has ensured the smooth implementation of CAS w.e.f. 31.12.2006.